

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., which was immediately following the Council executive session.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The State of the City address will be January 22nd.
2. We are reviewing the proposed settlement for the police department roof.
3. You may have seen an excavator off of 16th Street. They are digging a sample hole for testing.
4. The City Utility was featured in an article in *Water World* magazine for their filtration system.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley said the SBOA Exit conference went well. There were a couple of items regarding internal controls that were commented on, but those have been resolved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – The Board of works approved a change order for the Main Street Streetscape project in the amount of \$6880.00.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.

- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – We are waiting on the elevator inspection.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Action will be under New Business.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker presented his monthly and year-end report.

He also reported that they have 4 reserves officers and they worked 1058 hours in 2018, for an average of 264 hours per man.

Animal – Animal Warden Cottrell presented her report for the last 6 months. 605 animals were taken in; 230 were adopted; 83 were returned to their owner; 5 escaped from the shelter; and 21 died in our care for failure to thrive. There are currently 23 animals at the shelter.

Park – Park Director Burklow presented quotes for a dump trailer. The quotes were as follows:

- Cameron Trailer Sales - \$7595.00 - 2019 Liberty Dump Trailer with 1 year warranty.
- Mayes Trailer Sales - \$7300.00 – 2019 PJ Dump Trailer with a 3 year warranty.
- Mayes Trailer Sales - \$7300.00 – 2019 Load Trail Dump Trailer with a 3 year warranty.
- Detro Trailer Sales - \$7325.00 – 2019 Sure Trac with a 3 year warranty.
- Big Tex Trailer World - \$7299.00 – 2019 Big Tex Dump Trailer with a 3 year warranty.

After lengthy discussion regarding giving preference if local and comparable pricing, Smith volunteered to work on a resolution regarding purchases. Conner commented that we need to support our local people. Smith said we need guidelines for purchases so they are all comparable. Berkemeier said we don't want to hamper or delay the purchase. Berkemeier made a motion to purchase the trailer from Big Tex Trailer. Bridges seconded the motion. Smith and Conner voted nay, Cameron recused himself from voting resulting in a tie vote. In order to break the tie, Mayor Pavey suggested that Director Burklow go back to Cameron and see if he will match the bid from Big Tex, if not then to accept the quote from Big Tex.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **City Council 2019 Appointments** – Smith moved to keep the same appointments as 2018. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Animal Control Ordinances** – Continue working on revising Ordinance.
3. **Lawton Addition (Jim Wilson) Letter of Remonstrance/Agreement** – Councilman Cameron noted that the City will take the utility to the Cul-de-sac and stop. No easement is required. No one can tap into Wilson's line. The City will inspect before it is backfilled. Bridges made a motion to approve the owner agreement and letter of no remonstrance as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2018-35 Amended 2019 Salary Ordinance** – Cameron moved to approve ordinance 2018-35. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-1 Support of Cherry Street Phase I and II** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2018-26 Support of Cherry Street Phase III** – Smith moved to approve Resolution 2018-26. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **2019 Encumbrances** – Will be presented at the next meeting.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Packet** – We will set up a meeting.

CLAIMS: None.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Council Smith said he will be unable to attend the next 2 meetings.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.